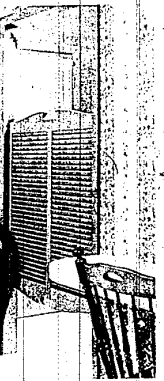


Age Is No Factor In Kitchen Remodeling



THE DECOR IS EARLY American, but the emphasis is very contemporary. Convenience, modern style, is a dishwasher to cut down on clean-up time.



A homemaker's dissatisfaction with her kitchen doesn't depend on its age. Studies show, in fact, that age is seldom a salient factor in kitchen remodeling.

Respondents in a recent national survey of home improvement trends indicated that the percentage of kitchen remodeling in homes from 21 to 35 years old was only slightly higher than in homes less than one year old.

Kitchens in 11 to 20 year old dwellings were as likely to be remodeled as those in homes more than 35 years old. Only owners of one to 10 year old homes seemed happy enough with their kitchens to resist substantial remodeling.

Reasons for the age breakdown vary.

A new home doesn't always have a modern kitchen. Also, kitchen preferences dif-

fer, and the remodeling of "new" kitchens may reflect the priority placed by homemakers on the room in which they spend much of their time.

Heavy remodeling in the 20 and 30 year groups may indicate appliance obsolescence.

Of significance in the overall popularity of kitchen remodeling—the survey shows almost 3.4 million updated in 1972 and indicates it will be a top-rated project in 1973—is the trend to kitchen beauty and low care.

The home improvement survey—considered the most comprehensive ever made in this field—was compiled by the Bureau of Building Marketing Research, an affiliate of Building Supply News, a leading trade publication of building material retailers.

Some 1500 households

were queried through National Family Opinion, Inc., with a record 75.5 per cent responding.

These facts on kitchens were disclosed:

- More than 56 per cent of the remodeling jobs were done by the homeowner, 21 per cent used some professional help, and 23 per cent were done entirely by "pros."
- Remodeling is most often done by middle-income families and in moderately-priced homes. However, salary levels of families engaged in kitchen improvement ranged from less than \$5000 to well above \$15,000.
- Suburbanites do more kitchen remodeling than either city or rural residents.
- Remodeled kitchens (and bathrooms) are considered to provide "most good" for the entire family and be "well worth the investment."



KITCHENS TOP the list of popular remodeling projects, and new kitchens are as likely to be updated as those about 20 years old. Most remodeling aims at beauty, low care, improved layout and convenient appliances.



Pest Of The Week

MAPLE BLADDER GALL MITE

These small pests can cause wart-like growths on the upper surfaces of silver and red maple in June. The warts contain the small, immature mites.

The adult lays eggs in the leaf tissue as it approaches full size in mid-May. The adult overwinters in the bark crevices. The mite does not appear to do any damage to the trees other than to make the leaves look bad.

CONTROL: Now is the time to control this pest. Spray as leaves become half to 3/4 size with 50 per cent wettable Sevin, two tablespoons to a gallon of water. One spray should be enough for the control. Once leaves are full size, eggs will have been deposited in the leaf tissues and no control is possible.

A closely related pest is the Eriosea mite, which causes red or black velvety patches on the underside of maple leaves. The same control can be used for these.

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Want a good-looking lawn in practically no time? Use sod and follow the advice of Michigan State University's turfgrass specialists.

Make sure your soil's in shape before laying the sod. Get rid of stones, stumps and other debris. Don't bury the debris in pits on the establishment site. Do any rough grading that's necessary. Avoid steep slopes or banks that are difficult to establish and maintain.

Have your soil tested to determine its fertilizer and lime requirements. If no soil test is available, apply 1-1/2 to two pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet,

using a complete fertilizer with a 1-1-1 ratio (example: 15 to 20 pounds of 10-10-10). Work the fertilizer into the top few inches of soil.

Roll and level the lawn area. While laying the sod, keep in mind that the edges should touch each other but not overlap. Stagger the ends of the sod pieces in a brick-like fashion. Avoid stretching the pieces of sod.

Once the sod is in place, roll it to remove air pockets and water it to a soil depth of six inches. Water your new lawn daily for approximately two to three weeks to prevent drought stress until it is established.

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